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1. Formosa Straits-Economic-Logistic  
(Info Dates - through 9 May)further evidence of Increasing Chicom Logistic Effort Opposite Offshore Islands

Developments reported in the past two weeks (through 9 May) not only indicate a continued supply movement into the Peiling Peninsula, as reported earlier, but also reveal a similar waterborne logistic effort in support of Chicom positions in the Amoy area. In addition to the localized traffic movements in the Amoy and Foochow areas, a much broader logistic effort, apparently involving the means of coastwise merchant shipping, inland water traffic, and truck convoys over inland and coastal routes is now evident.

Since late April the following significant developments have been noted on the basis of field interpretation of aerial photography, direct observation, and [redacted]

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- (a) Strong evidence that the Chicos have initiated freighter operations along the coast at least as far south as Wenchow (Ningpo formerly southern limit of normal coastwise shipping operations in West China area).
- (b) A fairly intensive tempo of local water movements, in support of Chicom positions in area of Amoy and Foochow, evidenced by shuttling back and forth of motorized junks, small landing craft, IJs and vessels as large as LSTs. In the Amoy area vessels have been shuttling principally between Hsi Cheng (served by coastal road from Swatow) and Amoy and in the Foochow area shuttling mainly between the Min estuary and Peiling Peninsula, and Loyuan Bay and the Peninsula.
- (c) Truck traffic on two of the main access routes into the area of Amoy and Foochow and the presence of motor truck pools along these routes. Convoy traffic has been noted on the coastal route moving north between Swatow and Amoy and some traffic on the coastal route between Amoy and Foochow. A 65 truck convoy was noted on the road between Chienou and Foochow, just outside Kutien. Motor pools have been noted at Chienou, Kutien, Foochow (area of) on the Chienou-Foochow road and at Chin Chiang between Foochow and Amoy on the coastal road. Moreover, at least two new town bypass roads have been built on the coastal road, at Chin Chien and Nan Chiang. A new 600 foot bridge has been noted on the coastal route south of Chang Fu.
- (d) Barge and small boat traffic from inland toward the coast has been noted in increasing intensity at several strategically important locations. Heavy barge traffic (in addition road improvements and truck traffic) has been seen south of Chienou on a tributary of the Min River. Heavy barge traffic has been noted upstream from Nan Tai on the Min River. A considerable amount of barge traffic has been observed at Chin Chiang which is in the area of the She Li airfield presently under construction. Traffic has been noted between Amoy area and Lungshi, upstream from Amoy.

It seems apparent that the Chicos have undertaken a logistic support effort, aimed at moving large amounts of materials into the Foochow-Amoy areas and the new airfields being constructed in West China. The fact that several different means of transport are being utilized simultaneously to move supplies into the Coastal area

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